

## 250 CABMEN JOIN HANDS TO FIGHT CAB COMPANIES

New League Will Run Taxis  
at the Lowest Rates in  
This City.

WILL FORCE REDUCTION

Thirty Cents for the First Half  
Mile and Ten for Each  
Additional Quarter.

By Sophie Irene Loeb.

As a result of The Evening World's efforts to create a lower rate service in this city and with the example set by the I. T. O. A. operating profitably at low rates, a new organization has just been formed to further meet the demand of low rate service.

This body was organized at a recent enthusiastic meeting and comprises 250 hackmen, who will be known as the Public Hackmen's Protective League. The officers elected are Jacob Steiner, President; Isidor Buchman, Vice-President; Peter Russell, Secretary and Treasurer.

They will display on the panel of each door of their cabs the word "Public." The men claim that since the majority of them operate and own their own cabs they can run at a lower rate, accordingly.

The rates are the same as those now which are thirty cents for the first half mile and ten cents for each additional quarter mile. According to the officers they are willing to undergo most rigid examination as drivers and thorough inspection of their cabs. Until this body was formed the I. T. O. A. was the only organized concern running in opposition to the cab companies. With this additional league in existence competition with the cab companies will be strengthened. In this manner, should more such allied forces come into being, a lively race for patronage must result and continually lower rates, which is exactly the manner that marked the growth of this industry in London, Paris and other European cities.

This is a welcome item toward laying the foundation for a worthwhile service. Should either the Marks-Maughan ordinance or a combination of both be enacted into law, as is imminent, all of these drivers will be under strict supervision by an enlarged inspection bureau and therefore insure the public as to safety of the cabs and honesty of the drivers.

With this new association and the I. T. O. A. there will be now running in the City of New York nearly five hundred cabs at this low rate. This is encouraging to say the least and presents an interesting outlook, since this has come into existence with but a prospective ordinance advertising "fair play" for these public hackmen. And with the ordinance in active operation granting these men added protection, relative to the free use of the streets, the more cabs and lower rate service is practically assured.

The fact that these men have organized and will proceed to operate at the lower rates, even though the private hack stand monopolies are not yet abolished, speaks well for the possibility of a popular service which The Evening World has so long advocated.

Admiral Marks and his associates are hard at work putting the finishing touches on the Marks-Maughan ordinance and incorporating therein the poignant features of the Mayor's Commission ordinance, so that it may be presented before the Board next Tuesday.

Chairman Grimm has promised to call a meeting of the Investigating Committee for the purpose of final adjustment and a majority report is hoped for.

Majority Leader Folks is also anxious to get this matter before the board for final action and is heartily in accord to speedily enact a proper ordinance on this question.

### WALTER JOHNSON TO JOIN MATRIMONIAL LEAGUE.

"Smoky Joe" Wood Couldn't Keep  
Secret of Pitcher's Engagement to  
Cambridge Girl.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 25.—Walter Johnson, crack pitcher of the Washington Senators, is to become a husband. This was the news reported here to-day. Anna B. Scully, nineteen, of this city, has the diamond and soon will have the star. "Smoky Joe" Wood couldn't keep the secret and the imminent signing up of the tall Washington heaver in the Matrimonial League is known. Johnson has asked for a two weeks leave of absence following the Red Sox-Washington series next week.

Scully to-day has the following telegram from the great pitcher: "New York Central or South Station. Answer immediately."

"WALTER JOHNSON." Scully is a Greek-in-the-moon fan and has already predicted that Johnson will face the National League champs next fall.

"Any one who can read the better signs can make a hit," was her reply when questioned regarding the coming event. "I am going to meet him next Thursday, and I may go back with him," she said. "That is quite true."

Columbia to Leave Hospital. Supreme Court Justice Daniel F. Columbia, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Roosevelt Hospital a fortnight ago, is now recovering and is expected to leave the hospital in a few days.

## J. Hen Pfiffer's Thumb Prints And Footprints of Missing Dogs



### Dippel Gives Up Management of Chicago Opera Co.

By Sylvester Rawling.

ANDREAS DIPPTEL has resigned his position as manager of the Philadelphia-Chicago Opera Company and the directors have accepted his resignation. The news, which came from Chicago last night, was a surprise. It had been suspected for a long time by those in a position to hear gossip that Dippel was not getting on well with the company and the directors, who, it has been alleged, sought to command the organization himself, and that the directors were divided in their allegiance to the man.

Recently, however, a statement that Mr. Dippel had signed a new contract which guaranteed him control of the company for a period of several years seemed to settle the matter.

Mr. Dippel left Chicago for Cincinnati last night. It is reported, in good spirits, declaring that he was severing his connection with the company with regret and only to embrace a better opportunity elsewhere. The executive committee of the directors thanked him for what he had done for grand opera in America.

It is reported that Mr. Dippel is to succeed Mr. Gatti-Casazza in managing the Metropolitan Opera Company would seem to be absurd. Mr. Gatti-Casazza has two years to run and, apparently, he has won the respect and esteem both of the directors and of the public. Another rumor had it that Mr. Dippel was to be the manager of the Metropolitan Opera House a week from to-night for a one-night stand before disbanding until the autumn.

Mr. Dippel's company, with Tetrazzini as the star, is to sing "Lucia" at the Metropolitan Opera House a week from to-night for a one-night stand before disbanding until the autumn.

Thomas Egan, an Irish tenor who has been singing in grand opera in Europe, is to make his New York debut at a concert in Aeolian Hall to-morrow evening. He will have the support of several singers in a programme made up principally of Irish melodies and announced as "A Night of Irish Melodrama." The concert will be given under the auspices of the Gaelic Society, the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Cardinal Farley, John D. Crimmins, Col. Louis D. Conley and Victor Herbert.

John McCormack, the popular Irish tenor, will give his farewell recital at the Hippodrome a week from to-morrow evening for the benefit of the United Catholic Charities. He will be accompanied at the piano by Edwin Schneider. His programme will consist of popular Irish songs, including "I Hear You Calling Me" and "Mollie Brennan."

The Board of Education announces organ recitals for to-morrow at 3 P. M. at De Witt Clinton High School, at Morris High School, at the Eastern District High School and at the Manual Training High School. The other music recitals for next week are: Tuesday evening, at Public School No. 4, "Haven and Grotto;" Wednesday evening, at Public School No. 5, "Folk Songs and Art Songs;" and at Y. M. H. A. Hall, "Sharp Contrasts in Characteristic Music." These recitals will close the season.

Columbia University announces a recital for two pianos by Prof. Rubner and Miss Rubner at the Horace Mann Auditorium on Wednesday at 4:10 P. M. The public is invited.

Prof. Samuel A. Baldwin will give free organ recitals at the City College on to-morrow and Wednesday afternoons.

## THUMB PRINTS MADE TO ASSIST IN PFIFFER CHASE

Freak Dog Lover Reported to  
Have Called to See  
President Wilson.

BUT LATTER WAS BUSY.

Theories Advanced That the  
Famous Man Is in Oyster  
Bay or Ireland.

Has any one here seen Pfiffer?  
No! The chase is still on. On the hillside they keep the watch for the side hill setter. They are following the hounds for the banana house. They are peering into all kinds of out of the way places for J. Henry Pfiffer.

One correspondent is certain that Pfiffer and the two valuable hounds were seen in Washington. But he must have been mistaken. If he had been seen he would have been arrested. The police are constantly on the lookout for the missing Secretary of the Vegetarian Dog Owners' Association.

The reward of \$500 is still undiminished. A burglar was caught last night in the hallway at No. 29 Seventh avenue. He said that he was looking for Pfiffer. He had a couple of bananas in his pocket as evidence of his search. He came near getting away with the stuff until it was discovered that the bananas had been stolen from the restaurant downstairs.

But they are looking everywhere for the missing man and dogs. The police of Nutley have obtained thumb prints of Pfiffer's four foot print of the banana house, and a down hill foot print of the side hill setter. These are now being sent out all over the country, so that identification will be absolutely complete.

Stick one of his pictures in your hat and put the thumb prints in your pocket. Suggestions as to his whereabouts will be gladly received. Don't be afraid to send them in. If desired, the identity of the writer will be concealed. But give us a helping hand. It is a duty that runs to society. Have fellows some of the helpful hands.

Meanwhile, WATCH THE MOON-TAKERS!

PFIFFER MAY HAVE STARTED FOR IRELAND.  
New York, April 25.  
To the Editor of The Evening World: I think I have a clue to the possible destination of Prof. Pfiffer. Some time ago Lawrence Patrick Bennett Taylor of Portman, County Galway, arrived here and I introduced him to the professor. Mr.

Taylor is an enthusiastic admirer of dogs. At his home on the banks of the Shannon he maintains excellent hounds. The prize dog in his collection, Mr. Taylor said to the professor, is Dynamite, who is a pure bred bog hound. The bog hound is indigenous to the County of Galway. He is curiously equipped by nature to overcome the difficulties that impede any locomotion on account of the numerous bogs that flourish in these parts. Much swimming has to be done, and the dog gets there because he has web feet like Manx Hounds' paws and he has a pair of flippers that stick out in front like Loch Oona's mitts when he works his celebrated in cover defense. The address of that part of Ireland tell marvelous stories of the speed with which the bog hound can travel. He is great on submarine craft, too, and has been known to jump off the bridge of Achilles into the Shannon and bring up a pile weighing forty-three pounds and three-quarters on O'Higgins the grocer's scales. The bog hound has penetrating clear vision and can see a landlady a mile away on a dark, rainy night, when he promptly gives the signal to the top in moon. The signal is a yowl like the cry of the banshee. Then there is another landlady the land in the land.

Now, Mr. Editor, don't you think it possible that Prof. Pfiffer returned for the presentation of one of these more than human animals and on his way to Portman, County Galway, he came in for his beach cover?

WATCH THE QUOTE OF CORN! Yours for more grape juice.  
R. U. TERNER.

THINKS PFIFFER HAS GONE TO GET A REPUTATION.

To the Editor of The Evening World: Following your injunction, "Watch the Mountains," the Great Neck Vigilantes have been out for three nights guarding Middle Neck Road and Seapoint avenue which lead to the higher spots heretofore the hope of catching Judge J. Henry Pfiffer in the act of committing the side hill setter. Nothing which even suggested Judge Pfiffer or the side hill setter or the banana house in disguise has passed over the highway of North Hempstead.

But the Hon. V. Seaboard Parks, one of the events of the higher line reports that last night just after he went off to bed he heard a strange howling sound on the North Shore. The sound, which was a howling sound, was a howling sound.

This suggests to me that Judge Pfiffer, hurt by intimations of the Evening World correspondents that the now abandoned Vegetarian Bench they was a nature babe, was taking the two best dogs, the banana house and the side hill setter to Oyster Bay to see the grand array of all nature's fables, Col.

Roosevelt, and got a certificate of good character and authenticity from him. The swishing sound which he was blowing through his well known whiskers. I knew the sound well.

HEN COFFIN, Chief,  
Great Neck Station, L. I., April 25.  
SOMEBODY POSING AS PFIFFER  
IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, D. C., April 25.  
To the Editor of The Evening World: J. Henry Pfiffer, missing Secretary of the Vegetarian Dog Owners' Association, was in Washington Tuesday. He was recognized by one of Washington's leading citizens who, emerging from a Pennsylvania avenue joy parlor, felt sure he had "em again when the side hill setter came into view. Mr. Pfiffer, to reassure the gentleman, handed him his personal card. He made no effort at concealment of his identity, but before he left he so completely disguised himself that pictures hitherto sent broadcast by The Evening World will not be available for identifying Mr. Pfiffer.

Mr. Pfiffer reached Washington early Tuesday, bringing with him the banana house and the side hill setter, which were objects of great curiosity. The new missing Secretary declared he came to Washington to enlist the services of President Wilson in asking the California Legislature to remove from the objectionable anti-animal law a clause to prevent the importation in this country of the justly celebrated Waboo-wah hound, famous in the Midland's headlines.

When informed that Mr. Wilson would be prevented by important engagements from seeing him, Mr. Pfiffer was greatly depressed and left the White House in a brown study, driven by a member of the chauffeur band.

On Pennsylvania avenue, Mr. Pfiffer seemed at a loss, hesitating and slipping and stumbling and asked that an automatic clipper be run over the Southern portion of his map. He was greatly incensed when the blacksmith suggested that his still soup strainers be driven back into his car with a sledge hammer, so they, the same hound's adornment might grow out again. The smithy argued that this was the quintessence of botanical conversation of natural resources, but Mr. Pfiffer would have none of it. At his repeated insistence, the motor brush was removed. It was worthy of note that no birds flew out of the chapparel during the defoliation.

Mr. Pfiffer, greatly worried by his failure to see the President, and the vexation caused by the burly blacksmith's levity, is believed to be wandering near Mount Vernon, in the State of Virginia and mental aberration, seeking to lay his troubles before the shade of the late Mr. George Washington. He is a celebrated citizen of these parts in 1787.

## HELD UP IN BROADWAY, BEATEN AND ROBBED; SHOTS HALT FUGITIVES

Policeman Fires Five Times  
and Captures Three Men  
on Fifth Avenue.

Four men seized John I. Kramer, a traveling salesman, of No. 55 West Fifty-fifth street, at Twentieth street and Broadway early to-day, dragged him into a doorway, beat him over the head with a "blackjack" and robbed him. The holdup occurred directly across the street from the Continental Hotel.

One of the robbers tore off the victim's necktie, in which was a valuable pin—a lion's head of gold set with diamonds. Another robber tore Kramer's gold watch and took out of his pocket and then tried to search him for money. Before the robber going through his pockets had found any money Kramer succeeded in shaking off the thieves whose hand was over his mouth. He then shouted for help. The robbers released him and fled.

Detective Brennick of the West Thirtieth street police station heard Kramer's cry and pursued the men, who dashed north in Broadway. Brennick shot three times as he started.

The robbers turned east in Twenty-second street, Brennick close behind. He shot two more times and three of the fugitives stopped at Fifth avenue. The fourth kept on in Twenty-second street and escaped. Patrolman Quinn also shot and helped Brennick handcuff his prisoners and take them back to the scene of the holdup.

The minor arrest said they were Charles Treanor, twenty-four years old, of No. 116 West Sixteenth street; Joseph Sawyer, twenty-three years old, of No. 26 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street; and Raymond Clark, sixteen years old, of No. 419 West Forty-first street.

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